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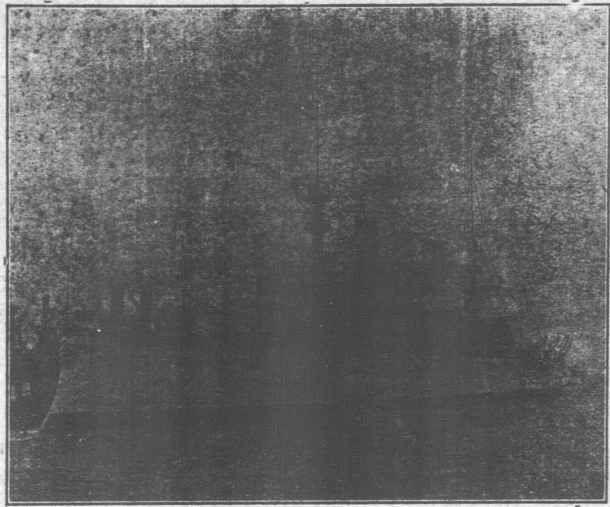
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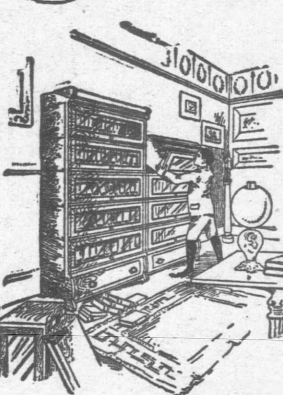
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**NOTICE-DIVIDEND!**

THE PEOPLE'S NATIONAL BANK OF MIDDLETOWN, Del., Dec. 24th, 1909. The Board of Directors have this day declared a dividend of THREE (3) PER CENT for the last six months, payable on and after Saturday, January 1st, 1910.

G. D. KELLEY Cashier.

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## ICELAND'S WATERFALLS

According to a London engineering publication a company has been recently formed to develop the waterfalls of Iceland, which represent a great power now going to waste. On account of this power and the great mineral resources of the country, Iceland seems to be a particularly favorable spot for many electro-chemical industries.

The Skjalfandi River Falls comprise the Goda Falls, with 39,200 horsepower; the Aldjar Falls, with 38,500 horsepower; the Barna Falls, with 17,000 horsepower. The Laxa River Falls would produce 30,000 horsepower, the Sog Falls 50,000 horsepower, and the Gullfoss Falls, 100,000 horsepower.

**Preserving Flour**  
A new method of preserving flour has recently been adopted with success in England. It is done by means of compression. With hydraulic apparatus the flour is squeezed into the form of bricks, and the pressure destroys all forms of larval life, thus preserving the flour from the ravages of insects, while it is equally secure from mold. Three hundred pounds of compressed flour occupy the same space as 100 pounds in the ordinary state.

**Safe Fourth of July**  
An ordinance to prohibit the manufacture or sale of fireworks within the city limits has been introduced in the City Council of Camden, N. J. Should it be enacted there would be a strong probability of at least one city in the country enjoying the novelty of a "safe and sane Fourth of July" this year.

**Lost Forests**  
In New York State, during the past season 11,867 acres of forest lands burned by fire and the loss was only \$25,101, as against 177,000 acres burned last year and a loss of \$844,000.

**Fine Carving**  
An Italian jeweler has carved a single pearl into the shape of a boat, which has a sail of beaten gold.

**A New Metal**  
After compressing processes, such as rolling or drawing, the tensile strength is raised to 35 kilograms to the square millimeter and the ductility to 18 per cent, without any notable increase in its specific gravity. The new metal is silver white in color and lends itself to a brilliant polish.

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## WASHINGTON LETTER

WASHINGTON, D. C., February 5, 1910.

THE greatest anxiety prevails among thinking men in the administration, including the leaders of Congress, regarding the forthcoming decision of the Supreme Court of the United States in the case of the American Tobacco Company. If the decision of the lower court is sustained it will mean the appointment of a receiver for the tobacco trust. The directors of that great corporation will be discharged from further responsibility and a receiver will assume charge of its affairs, not for the purpose of administering them in the interest of stockholders, but for the purpose of winding up the affairs of the company of disposing of its assets, presumably to the highest bidder and of casting adrift on the financial sea the integral parts of that great aggregation of concerns. This will inevitably result in fearful loss to those who own the securities of the organization. Moreover, the affirmation by the court of last resort of the principle involved will leave the administration no alternative but immediately to institute suits against practically every concern which has been constructed on similar lines. One does not need to be a pessimist to see a condition bordering on industrial chaos as a result of the disintegration of the chief corporations of the country. But if they are found to exist in violation of the law they must come down and it is President Taft's belief that it is far better to see some chaotic conditions for a short time than to allow the illegal corporations to obtain a grasp upon the country which might never be shaken off.

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## NEW YORK FASHIONS

New York.—The pretty fabrics and hats and summer gowns shown at all the shops, make a woman realize that it won't be long now until spring is here and everyone is planning for new clothes.

**Drapery Style Continues**  
One can have dress lengths of new cottons, foulards or other flexible materials made up after any of the pretty, ankle, or knee, draped skirt models, and be assured that these will continue good style until autumn at least. Modified princess and Moyengo types are coming in, in the latest Paris importations. The kimono waists with sleeves cut in one with the bodice are revived in Paris models as are also the short plain skirts of two seasons back.

**Russian Coats and Suits**  
The Russian blouse coat is the leading type in style for Spring and Summer wear, though there are many others, rather more closely fitted than those now worn, and short for the most part. Skirts have yokes and pleatings in various forms, though our old short plain skirts are seen on the very latest arrivals from Paris.

**Top Coats and Costumes**  
For top or extra coats, the coat-suit is presented in especially pretty designs and promises to be more popular than it was last autumn. These take the place of a dress, or cover one, and are both smart and practical. The Russian models are quite as good for extra coats of silk, or cloth, and for run about wear long coats of models of chevrons or plaids have collar of burnt orange, scarlet or Lincoln green. Rough skirts and mobairs of the same character will follow these.



**There is no likelihood that the administration federal incorporation measure will receive favorable action by either House of Congress at this session. There has been some reluctance on the part of the leaders to admit this fact but they have finally concluded that there is no good end to be served by concealing it. Two factors contribute to this situation. First it would be impossible to adopt legislation of such far-reaching importance in the face of determined opposition of the minority. It would be talked to death in the Senate even were it possible under whip and spur to obtain a majority for it in the House. In the second place there is grave question regarding the political expediency of such legislation. Democratic administrations regarded the Sherman law as a dead letter and finally it fell to a Republican administration; the law came under the direction of Philander Knox the then Attorney-general and he recast it and secured for it such judicial interpretation as gave it force. Since the decision in the Northern Securities case Republican administrations have been seeking sedulously to enforce the statute. The wisdom of seeking now, at a time when the end sought seems about to be attained, to mitigate its effects is seriously questioned, especially in view of the present temper of the people. Were the only sufferers those managers of great combinations who have brought them into being there would be no hesitation whatever about permitting them to take the consequences of their own lawlessness, but the anxiety that is felt is due to a vast number of innocent people whom it would be impossible to save from punishment intended for a few.**

**Americans generally little realize the important part which the National Red Cross may play in the diplomatic affairs of this nation. The services rendered by this organization at Bluefields contributed materially to ally the resentment aroused among the supporters of Zelaya by the action of the United States has become obvious. That the generosity and timeliness of the assistance rendered by the Red Cross to the sufferers from the earthquake in the vicinity of Messina has served more strongly to cement the bonds of friendship between this country and Italy is a well recognized fact. But a recent and unexpected development of this power for good has attracted the attention of those members of the administration who have to do with the adjustment of tariff relations to the Payne and Aldrich tariff because of prompt and effective assistance rendered to those afflicted by the Paris floods, there is a growing sentiment in France that the government at Paris should stand ready to make all reasonable concessions to the end that there shall be no tariff war between that country and the United States. Such ends have, of course, been as little contemplated as the catastrophes which called forth the ministrations of the Red Cross but that does not make them less welcome.**

**It is planned that the investigation of the cost of living contemplated by the Senate will not include "hearings" from a great multiplicity of witnesses. The existing instrumentalities of the government will be utilized to procure the facts. The great army of employees from the Department of Agriculture will be used to procure and present in available form the facts regarding prices received by the initial producers and to this army may also be entrusted the collection of data regarding the prices at which such products are sold by commission men. The Department of Commerce and Labor will be used to secure the cost of manufacture, selling prices at the mill and so on. In this way it is believed the information can be quickly prepared and an analysis and report made before Congress adjourns. Senator Lodge, the author of the Senate resolution, is of the opinion that the investigation will show that the prices throughout the world have increased as a result of the increased production of gold.**

**Largest Wooden Vessel**  
There has recently been launched at Bath, Me., the largest wooden vessel ever built in the United States. The Wyoming, as she has been named, is a six-masted schooner of 3730 gross tons, with a total length over all of 350 feet. Next to her in size among wooden vessels is the "William J. Douglas," with a gross tonnage of 3704.

**Save Supply**  
The source of the world's clove supply is Zanzibar and the neighboring island of Pemba.

**Royal Society Packet Embroidery**  
Lingerie, Underwear, Dollies, etc. Call and see new catalogue.

**Mrs. J. H. EMMONS.**

## MARKET GARDENING

This interesting subject was discussed by James T. Shaller, Jr., at recent meeting of the Peninsula Horticultural Society held at Centerville, Md., Mr. James T. Shaller, Jr., one of our progressive and up-to-date young farmers, made the following interesting address:

The first thing that I shall mention under this subject is pure seeds. I know of no other one evil that has caused more discouragement and failures than adulterated seeds. For instance, you may buy a quantity of seeds that look alike but when you come to harvest them you find you have at least six different varieties, besides a liberal quantity of weed seeds. A purchaser of seeds should buy from a reputable seedman and always beware of cheap seeds, they may be very dear in the end. Good seeds are cheap at any price. In purchasing sprangue seeds or crowns the planter should use the greatest possible care, as a mistake in these would mean trouble for the full life of the bed.

I shall mention a few crops that could be grown most profitably by the farmers of our peninsula, namely, potatoes, celery, cabbage, sweet corn, and rhubarbs. Any of the last four may follow early potatoes.

Sweet corn for the last few years has been selling readily for 75 cents to \$1.25 per hundred in our nearby market. When we consider that we can raise 8,000 stalks per acre, with probably 7,000 ears at 75 cents per hundred, it would equal \$562.50 per acre, with no extra fertilization providing the potatoes preceding were liberally fertilized. In order to follow sweet corn after potatoes the potatoes should be dug July first. I usually make my last planting of sweet corn from July 4th to 10th.

Cabbage may follow early potatoes with good results. It requires 9000 plants per acre, set 3 feet by 18 inches, and should two-thirds make heads at 2 cents per head, it would total \$180 per acre.

Celery is not as extensively grown on the peninsula as it could or should be. Celery set in rows 3 feet wide and 6 inches apart in the row would require 35,000 plants per acre, and the very low rate of 1 cent per crown, it would equal \$352. I have sold for 6 cents a crown. I, personally, know a trucker who plants from 30 to 30 miles of celery yearly with very pleasing results.

Rhubarb is in a favorable season make a good showing. In 1908 I harvested 1200 truck baskets of them, from 2 acres that had produced 400 bushels of potatoes that same year.

The potato was probably introduced into Virginia and North Carolina between the middle and last of the 16th century, and is now the most universally used of any known vegetable. The city of Philadelphia consumes daily 50,000 bushels and in the course of a year it consumes 18,250,000 bushels and why should we, the farmers on this peninsula, let the Maine potato grower supply the greater part of this 18,000,000 bushels? They can raise no more, no better, no cheaper potatoes than we can, providing we go at it like they do. I cannot imagine a more pleasant or instructive trip than through Maine during the potato growing season. On 1 acre one year I raised 400 bushels of fine potatoes. In 1908 I had 16 acres, averaging 190 bushels per acre. In 1909 13 acres averaging 175 bushels per acre.

The first thing to consider when getting ready to plant potatoes is the seed. No matter what variety you plant be sure they are true to name, otherwise part of your crop will need more attention when part of them are ready to dig. I had this very experience last year. One should decide whether he is going to plant early or late varieties. I prefer the early as they are less liable to blight—the greatest enemy the potato has.

In selecting the ground for a potato patch one should avoid bottom lands and hillides. A good clover or cow pea and plowed seven or eight inches deep, and well worked to the bottom of the furrow, makes an ideal place to plant potatoes. Spring plowed ground warms up better and the potatoes seem to start sooner than on fall plowed land.

A sharp drag harrow or weeder is a good thing to run over a patch until the plants are a couple of inches high. Some authorities say use a weeder cross-wise until the potatoes are 9 or 10 inches high. The first and second cultivation should be moderately deep, then continue a shallow cultivation until the growth of the vines make it impracticable.

I use the Iron Age planter, making the rows 30 inches wide and dropping pieces 14 inches apart in the rows, using 5 bushels per acre. I like a good sized potato and cut one eye to a piece.

A good potato fertilizer is one that will analyze 4 per cent. ammonia, 8 per cent. phosphoric acid and 10 per cent. potash. I sprayed with Bordeaux mixture and Paris green, but have not done this as extensively as I hope to do in the future.

Here are some figures regarding the cost of spraying and the profits derived therefrom. The following experiment was carried on by J. V. Salisbury & Son, Phelps, N. Y., in 1903. The total expense of spraying 13 acres 5 times was \$55.75, the items being as follows: 304 lbs. copper sulphate at 6 cts. \$18.24 8 bushels lime at 35 cts. 2.80 12 lbs. white arsenic at 5 cts. .60 55 hours' labor for man at 17 cts 9.35 47 hours' labor for team at 17 cts 7.99 \$39.98

Cost of spraying per acre for each application was 30 cents. Yield of unsprayed rows, per acre: 147 bu. Yield of sprayed rows, per acre: 83 bu.

Increase in yield per acre: 64 bu. A good showing, considering that there was no blight this year. 64 bu. per acre on 14 acres (\$89) \$5696. 64 bu., worth: \$448.00 Less cost of spraying: \$578

Net profit on 14 acres: \$392.24 Net profit per acre: \$28.01

Mr. Salisbury sprayed potatoes for his neighbors at 30 cents per acre and furnished everything. In other experiments conducted in 1904 by the Geneva Experiment Station, the cost of each application was as low as 61 cents per acre, and the net profit as high as \$80 per acre.

Spraying with Bordeaux mixture influences the potato crop in the following ways:

1. The structure of the leaf shows a slight increase in thickness and in strength and so offers more resistance to the growth of disease spores.

2. The green coloring matter of the leaf and stem is increased.

3. The transpiration of moisture is greater in sprayed plants. Food is moved from the roots to the leaves in water, the food is worked over and the water is given off. The more food in the leaves the greater the yield.

4. The taking in of food from the air by the leaves is much greater.

5. The duration of the leaves and vines is greater.

6. The growing period is extended, insuring a heavier yield. In Vermont blight often appears in August, and from then on the potatoes have grown 50 bushels a week when the foliage was preserved.

7. The tuber production is increased, due to increase in the size of the tubers and the number of tubers per plant. Jones & Morse, of Vermont, show that the average yield for 18 years without spraying was 171 bushels per acre, while sprayed plants yielded 285 bushels per acre, or an average annual gain of 115 bushels per acre.

8. The dry matter is increased.

9. Starch formation in the tuber is considerably increased. At Geneva Experimental Station an increase of 770 was obtained.

10. Where there is no disease the yield may be increased by spraying, due to increased vigor of the plants. In the Vermont Experiment Station in 1900 the yield was increased 73 bushels per acre by spraying, although blight did not occur that year.

At Geneva Experiment Station in 1903 spraying potatoes 5 times gave an increase of 30 bushels per acre over 3 times, and three sprayings increased the yield 88 bushels per acre over no spraying. At Cornell Experiment Station one application of Bordeaux mixture, and three of Bordeaux mixture and Paris green increased the yield 103 bushels per acre, while another year six sprayings increased the yield 48 bushels per acre. At Vermont Experiment Station two applications have in general proved most profitable. The Geneva Experiment Station recommends, as the result of their trials of the year 1904, that spraying commence when the plants are 6 to 8 inches tall, and thorough applications to be made at intervals of 10 to 14 days during the season, making 5 to 7 applications in all.

**LEVY COURT MEETS**

Routine Session Was Transacted at Regular Session of the Body

The Levy Court met in weekly session Tuesday, and the committee appointed to inspect the assessment books of Asa, George, Frank, and Oliver W. Eastburn of Mill Creek hundred, made their report.

The committee that inspected the Brandywine hundred books reported that they found 1,757 names and entries and 883 male and 44 female dogs. In Mill Creek hundred there were 1,103 names and entries, 1,479 male and 27 female dogs.

County Treasurer Robert M. Barnes reported the following balances:

Credit of Levy Court: \$129,645.32  
Special Bond Issue No. 1: 619.75  
Special Bond Issue No. 2: 53,382.97  
Miscellaneous road appropriations: 300.79  
Christiana hundred: 2,360.31  
Mill Creek: 1,572.66  
White Clay Creek: 228.59  
Peconet: 553.72  
New Castle: 2,275.76  
Red Lion: 636.65  
St. Georges: 4,794.15  
Appoquinimink: 1,473.78  
Blackbird: 1,071.48  
Brandywine: 1,080.48

A bill of \$56.31, for the State Board of Health, covering care of contagious diseases and fumigation in rural New Castle county, was allowed.

The bills of the workhouse trustees for \$7.95 for transportation of prisoners and \$3.27 for maintenance of prisoners during the month of January were paid. The bill of the Delaware Industrial School for Girls, for \$285.20 for the board of inmates, was also allowed.

Comptroller Chandler reported that Tax Collector Bath of Blackbird hundred had settled in full for the taxes of 1906 and 1908.

**FIRST COAL MINED IN VIRGINIA**

The first bituminous coal mined in the United States, says the United States Geological Survey, was taken from what is usually termed the Richmond Basin, and is in the southeastern portion of Virginia, near the city of Richmond, says a writer of the Scientific American.

This basin is situated on the eastern margin of the Piedmont plateau, thirteen miles above Tidewater, on the James river. It lies in Gloucester, Henrico, York, and Chesterfield counties.

The coal beds are much distorted, and the coal is of rather low grade when compared with that from other districts with which it has to come into competition.

The occurrence of coal was known in the Richmond Basin as early as 1700, and in 1789 shipments were made to some of the Northern



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Mails Close as Follows.  
Going North—7:25 a. m., 10:05 a. m., 4:05 p. m.  
Going South—7:25 a. m., 10:05 a. m., 4:05 p. m.  
For Ocean—7:25 a. m., 8:30 a. m., 11:30 a. m., 4:05 p. m.  
For Warwick, Cecilton and Barville 8:30 a. m. and 4:05 p. m.

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### Local News

Forty days.  
Lent began Wednesday.  
Plenty of valentines on sale.  
Nearly time for Robin Redbreast.  
To-day being Lincoln's birthday, the local banks will be closed.

Dr. J. Allen Johnson will examine your teeth and give estimate without charge.  
I pay the highest cash prices for all kinds of fur.  
The thermometer dropped to zero Sunday night—the coldest weather of the winter.

H. T. Wallace of Wilmington, has been elected president of the Delaware Horse Show Association.  
All kinds of fresh and salt Meats, Sausages, Scrapple and Lard constantly on hand.  
W. C. Jones.

Highest cash prices paid for all kinds of Poultry and Eggs.  
W. C. Jones.  
FOR RENT—Stable on West Main street, opposite National Hotel. Possession March 25th.  
G. E. Huxill.

To-day being a legal holiday the post-office will close at 10 o'clock and open at 5 P. M. and will close again at 6 P. M. for the day.  
Rev. F. H. Moore will deliver a lecture before the New Century Club next Tuesday afternoon. His subject will be "Holland and the Hollanders."

February 14th will be St. Valentine's Day, and in preparation for the occasion the store windows are exhibiting many new and novel valentines.  
The old stone school near Newark, known as the Welsh Tract school, was destroyed by fire Sunday. The pupils are attending school in Newark.

Maryland Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church will convene in Broadway Methodist Protestant Church, Baltimore, Md., April 5th.  
The ladies of Summit Bridge M. E. Church will hold a Box Social at Mr. James Sartin's, near Mt. Pleasant, on Tuesday evening, February 16th. All invited.

Have your Live Stock Insured against death from any cause, in the Indiana & Ohio Live Stock Insurance Co. For rates write to John J. Jolas, Agent, Middletown, Delaware.  
Finding his own milked dry for several mornings in succession, Leroy Reynolds, of Rising Sun, Md., hid in the barn to catch the thief, only to find the culprit was his pig.—Ex.

The regular monthly meeting of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union will be held next Monday evening, at half past seven, at the home of the president, Mrs. J. F. McWhorter.

The 18th annual meeting of the Grand Lodge of Delaware, Ancient Order of United Workmen, will be held in Washington Hall, No. 902 Washington Street, Wilmington, on March 8th.  
The ladies of Summit Bridge M. E. Church will hold a Social at Mr. W. T. Golt's on Wednesday evening, February 16th, or if stormy the next fair evening. All are invited.

"From the silk mill direct to you." An examination of Royal Silk will prove to you that our prices are very much lower than those of department or dry goods stores. See samples.  
Misses Spurgeon.

After October first, the Library books will be as follows: Tuesday, 3.30 to 5; Friday, 7 to 8.30; Saturday, 3 to 5. The Library will be open on Tuesday evenings from 7 to 8.30, for school children exclusively.

WANTED—To contract with practical farmer on main line of railroad to raise about twenty thousand bushels of oats. Will pay on basis of delivery at car. Send full particulars to A. F. Hall, 84 William St., N. Y. City.

The ladies of Bethel M. E. Church will hold a Poultry Supper and will furnish ice cream, etc., extra, at Mr. Reed Kirk's, near Pivot Bridge, Md., on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, February 22d and 23d, or next fair evenings in case of storm. All invited.

We have in STORAGE several hundred tons of HIGH GRADE LEHIGH and BITUMINOUS COAL. You don't have to place your order before-hand as it is ALWAYS IN STOCK. We have just added to our yard a nice lot of SAWED WOOD. Phone 5.  
Jesse L. Shepherd.

Any subscriber of THE TRANSCRIPT failing to receive the paper regularly each week will confer a favor by notifying us at once. Your paper is mailed every Friday evening and failure to get it may be due to fault in address. Unless you complain we will not know that you have cause for complaint.

Constantly on hand, all sizes of the Best Vests and best prepared Hand Coat for Haters, Ranges and Cook Stoves. Clean and full weight. Prompt delivery at lowest prices. Also Cord Wood sawed to stove length, \$2.00 for cordwood. If you have not been using our cord, try it and be happy.  
G. E. Huxill.

If you take a live interest in your community, a good way to manifest this fact is to send to your county paper any item of local interest that might transpire thereabout. If the paper had a local correspondent in your neighborhood, commensurate the intelligence to him. THE TRANSCRIPT is always glad to receive news from its readers, and if more persons could be made to realize this fact, the paper would be more interesting.

At a meeting of Peach Blossom Grange No. 3, P. of H., held on the afternoon of the 4th, the following officers were installed: Master, Fred Brady; Overseer, J. A. Cleaver; Steward, George W. Merritt; Assistant Steward, Fred P. Williams; Treasurer, William Perry; Secretary, John Flier; Gate Keeper, George H. Kohl; Mr. L. Scott Townsend assisted by Mr. George Madill, both of the Security Trust & Safe Deposit Company of Wilmington, acted as installing officers, and were sorry that the rest of the officers could not be present so as to have installed them all at one time. Peach Blossom Grange expects to hold a special meeting in the very near future at which a large class of new members will be initiated.

The Epworth League of Zion M. E. Church, Cecilton, Md., will hold a Dime Social on the evening of St. Valentine's Day, February 14th, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Blackway. Ice cream for sale. If stormy next evening.

According to information from Washington, Smyrna will be the next place in Delaware to be provided with a Federal building for postoffice purposes, though there is a probability of New Castle having its wishes gratified in the matter at the same time.

Citizens here, as everywhere in the United States, are buying meat sparingly or not at all, on account of the present high prices. But the most provoking thing of all is the fact that American meats are selling in Europe at lower prices than they do at home.

The Board of Control of the Red Men's Fraternal Home, at Newark, has decided to formerly open the home on St. Tanna's Day, Saturday, May 7th. It was announced that the home will be ready for occupancy at that time and that there will be several occupants.

Unclaimed Letters—The following list of letters remain unclaimed in the post office for the week ending February 13: Miss Mary Denny, Mrs. Ellen Piner, Miss Helen Willmer, Mr. Perry Fields, Mr. Robt. George, Mr. James Heard, Mr. Elie Jones, Mr. R. R. Rees.

THE TRANSCRIPT wishes to express its appreciation of "Reader's" contribution in praise of the noble work done by the "Women of Middletown"—a tribute equally deserved and gratefully bestowed. We regret that we are unable this week to notice the communication editorially—we purpose to do so in our next issue.

The man who wanted to know if it was cold enough was in evidence in Middletown Sunday and the general verdict appeared to be that it was. Numerous thermometers during the early morning hours of Monday recorded the temperature down to zero or within 2 or 3 degrees above. As a result of extreme cold weather, outdoor work was pretty generally laid off. The plumber was very much in demand as there were frozen and bursted pipes all over town.

There are events occurring in every community which, if reported in a local paper, would create a commotion little dreamed of. What to report and what not to report often perplexes the editor. He is often justly accused of cowardice and favoritism, when all the time he is looking toward the good reputation of the town where his lot is cast. The local editor from necessity almost constantly finds himself torn between two fires, and whichever way he turns he is sure to be unjustly treated. This is one of the pleasures of the newspaper business.

Governor Pennell has appointed John Henn, former Governor of Delaware, as a trustee of Delaware College, in lieu of Chief Justice James Pennell, resigned. Samuel J. Wright, of Newark, was also appointed a trustee of Delaware College, to succeed Edward Reynolds, deceased, of Middletown. The Governor issued a commission to Miss Fannie S. Harrington of Dover, assistant to Secretary of State Smithers, as notary public. This is the first instance in the history of Delaware that a woman has been commissioned a notary public.

Thursday's Berry Evening in speaking of the exhibits of the Hope Farm, has the following complimentary mention of the Middletown Farm display: "The Middletown Farm display has attracted special comment and serves to show the importance of clean stable, healthy cows and sanitary conditions of all kinds for the provision of a pure milk supply to the public. A photograph shows a row of the cows in the stalls of the barn; the floor is uncluttered and big windows give ample opportunity for fresh air and sunshine. The sterile milk pail is the latest invention for straining milk. It is made of heavy tin, with an aperture in the top 1/2 inch in diameter. Into which the milk goes. Into this aperture fits a straining arrangement, which causes the milk to pass through cheese cloth and absorbent cotton. For wagon service the glass bottles are shown in the metal carrier. For shipping they are placed in a wooden case, fitted with spaces for each bottle, between which crushed ice is placed."

The whereabouts of Douglas Lockwood who disappeared at Broad Street Station in Philadelphia several weeks ago, are still unknown, and his relatives here are anxiously waiting to hear some tidings of the missing young man who is 22 years of age. Mr. Lockwood had been stopping at an institution at Elwyn, Pa., for some time and about three weeks ago went to Philadelphia to attend a performance at one of the theaters, in company with a relative. While waiting for a train at Broad Street Station, the relative left him alone for a few minutes, and the young man disappeared and has not been seen since. It was supposed at the time that he had returned to Elwyn, but when he failed to put in an appearance there, the family and friends were alarmed. The father and mother of the young man are in Honolulu. Diligent inquiry on the part of relatives and friends has failed to find any trace of him since he was last seen in Broad Street Station.

NOXONTOWN MILL DAM BROKE  
The dam of Noxontown Mill pond broke Tuesday night just south of the waste gates and all of that large body of water rushed out into the Appoquinimink creek in less than three hours. At the time the accident occurred the pond was covered with thin ice and Mr. W. D. Evans lost the opinion that the break was caused by the tide water from the creek washing the sand away from the abutments on the south side of the bridge. Noxontown Mill pond is one of, if not the largest ponds in the State, and was well stocked with bass, white and yellow perch, crappies and carp, and local fishermen, as well as those from Wilmington and other points north of Middletown who have enjoyed deep sport with the hook and line on the pond will regret to learn of the fish being lost.

As soon as the weather will permit, the dam and gate will be rebuilt but it will be several months before the work can be completed.

Matthews' Corner School  
The following pupils deserve special commendation for the month of January: Eighth grade—William Walker; fifth grade—Leo Sparks; fourth grade—Helen Sparks; second grade—Harvey Parry; first grade—Isabelle Parry.

### GROWS RHUBARB IN HIS CELLAR

Mr. James T. Shallercock, Sr., is an Enthusiastic Horticulturist.  
Mr. James T. Shallercock, Sr., who is one of the leading horticulturists of the State, is a most enthusiastic market gardener, and Jack frost does not put an end to his operations. The writer was invited to his pleasant home on North Broad street Friday morning to look over the rhubarb Mr. S. has growing in his cellar, and we can truthfully say it is the finest specimen of this delicious vegetable we have ever seen.

Growing rhubarb in the cellar is no experiment with Mr. Shallercock, as he has been producing it in the winter season for several years, and receiving handsome prices for all he has to place on the market.

Rhubarb is not the only vegetable grown by this up-to-date horticulturist when the ground is covered with a mantle of snow. As he lifted the glass from his numerous cold frames and let us gaze on the fresh vegetables ready for table use, it reminded the scribe of the approaching spring-time, when he too might enjoy these luxuries.

At a meeting of farmers held in Dover last week at which time an organization was effected to be known as the Farmers' Produce Exchange, Mr. Shallercock was elected President, and it is the opinion of the writer that those farmers made no mistake in selecting him as their presiding officer.

### PERSONALITIES.

Mr. J. E. Ginn is on the sick list.

Mr. W. R. Parker, of Philadelphia, was in town Monday.

Mr. Gertrude Cannon, of Bridgeville, is the guest of Mrs. H. M. Jones.

Miss Leavara Davis spent several days last week with relatives in Sussex, Md.

Miss Bertha Gruwell, of Wilmington, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Truitt.

Miss Lillian Hodge, of Elwyn, Pa., was the guest of friends in town the first of the week.

Mr. Clarence Richards, of Grangeville, spent several days this week with relatives here.

Mr. John B. Spicer who has been confined to his bed for several weeks, is now improving.

Mrs. H. C. Browne, of Wilmington, spent several days this week with her mother, Mrs. H. V. Parvis.

Mr. John L. Byron and daughter, Miss Elsie, spent Sunday and Monday with relatives in Philadelphia.

John H. Huns, wife of ex-Governor John Huns of Wyoming, spent Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Emerson.

Messrs. Grant Rowbottom, of Philadelphia, and Joseph Walker, of Wilmington, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Price.

Mr. Roe Redgrave and niece, Miss Mildred Redgrave and Mr. and Mrs. John Redgrave and daughter, Miss Lydia, spent several days this week with relatives in Wilmington.

### HYMENEAL

#### MAXWELL-THOMPSON

A quiet wedding took place at the Rectory of St. Anne's Episcopal Church Monday evening at 8 o'clock, when Mr. Alexander Maxwell and Miss Elizabeth Thompson were united in marriage by the Rev. Percy L. Donaghy. There were no attendants. Mr. and Mrs. Maxwell were driven to their newly furnished home on West Main street immediately after the ceremony where they will reside.

#### BOYLES-STRADLEY

Mr. Fred W. Boyles of near Middletown and Miss Emma C. Stradley of Galena, Md., were united in marriage on Friday, February 4th, at the M. E. Parsonage in Chestertown, Md., by the Rev. L. E. Barratt.

### LENTEN SERVICES

Following are the Lenten Services in St. Anne's Episcopal Church:

Ash Wednesday  
Lenten Penitential Office and Holy Communion, 10 A. M.  
Evening Prayer and Sermon, 7.30 P. M.

Week Days During Lent  
Evening Prayer and Sermon, by visiting Clergy, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, 7.30 P. M.

Holy Week  
Maundy Thursday, Holy Communion, 10 A. M.

Easter Day  
Holy Communion, 8 A. M.  
Morning Prayer, Holy Communion and Sermon, 10.30 A. M.

Evening Prayer and Sermon, 7.30 P. M.  
Regular Sunday Services

Holy Communion, except first Sunday in month, 8 A. M.  
First Sunday in month, Holy Communion and Sermon, 10.30 A. M.

Other Sundays, Morning Prayer with reading of Epistle and Gospel and Sermon. The Litany is said on third Sunday in month.

Special Preachers  
Ash Wednesday, Feb. 9th—(The Rectory).  
Wednesday, Feb. 16th—Rev. C. R. Birchbush, Massy, Md.

Tuesday, Feb. 22d—Rev. H. B. Martin, D. D., Chestertown, Md.

Wednesday, Feb. 23d—Rev. A. E. Clay, Wilmington, Del.

Sunday, (Morning)—Rev. F. J. Kinsman, S. T. D., Bishop—for Confirmation.

Tuesday, March 1st—Rev. Wyllys Redne, D. D., Trappe, Md.

Wednesday, March 2d—Rev. John Rigg, New Castle, Del.

Wednesday, March 9th—Rev. H. A. Grantham, Marshallton, Del.

Friday, March 11th—Rev. K. J. Hammond, Wilmington, Del.

Tuesday, March 15th—Rev. George C. Hall, D. D., Wilmington, Del.

Wednesday, March 16th—C. H. Holmes, Smyrna, Del.

Tuesday, March 22d—Rev. W. H. Groff, Clayton, Delaware.

### CURRENT PRICES

#### MIDDLETOWN GRAIN MARKET.

CONTRACTED WEEKLY BY A. B. BOARD.  
Wheat—No. 1, \$1.18 Corn—No. 2, Yellow, \$1.04  
Timothy Seed \$2.50 "cob" 68  
Clover Seed .17 Oats .65  
MIDDLETOWN PRODUCE MARKET.  
CONTRACTED WEEKLY BY W. T. CONNELLEY.  
Eggs, per doz. 26@30  
Country Butter, per lb. 26@30  
Creamery Butter, per lb. 36  
Lard, per lb. 16@20  
Live Chickens, per lb. 14@16  
Potatoes .30@45

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### THE NEW CENTURY CLUB

Celebrated its Twelfth Anniversary by Presenting a Delightful Comedy.  
The Middletown New Century Club celebrated its twelfth anniversary on Thursday last. On the birthday anniversary, it is the custom of the club to invite guests from a distance, usually the president and one other from each club in the state. Tuesday proved to be one of the most pleasant of these anniversaries. The guests from a distance were entertained at lunch at the home of Mrs. G. F. Brady, near town.

A delightful little comedy entitled "The Real Thing" was given in the club room. Those taking part were Mrs. F. B. Watkins, Miss Blanche Elison, Miss May Holten, Miss Emma Kelley and Miss Helen Brady, while Miss Ebel Brady made a very amusing "Mrs. O'Flannigan."

Miss Lola Ingram gave several instrumental selections.

Ten and cakes were served to those present.

Some of those present from a distance were: Mrs. Lydia of Wyoming, who is president of the State Federation, Mrs. J. J. and Mrs. Roe also of Wyoming; Mrs. J. J. and Mrs. Brown of Wilmington; Miss Hough, Mrs. Teubny and Mrs. Farrell of Smyrna; Mrs. Brincoe of Harrington; Miss Henderson of Georgetown; Miss Warren and Miss Stevenson of Felton; Mrs. Fisher and Atkinson of Dover; Miss Heydrick of Bridgeville; Mrs. Carl Harrington of Baltimore. Some of those present from Middletown were: Mrs. W. B. Biggs, Mrs. Fred Brady, Mrs. M. B. Burris, Mrs. R. T. Cann, Mrs. Julia Cann, Mrs. W. T. Connelley, Mrs. R. R. Cochran, Mrs. Charles Derickson, Mrs. George Derickson, Mrs. J. F. Elison, Mrs. C. J. Freeman, Mrs. C. S. Green, Mrs. A. C. Green, Mrs. C. A. Hofferker, Mrs. Boyd McCoy, Mrs. J. C. McCoy, Mrs. H. B. McDowell, Mrs. F. H. Moore, Mrs. C. E. Pool, Mrs. F. R. Pool, Mrs. C. A. Ritchie, Mrs. J. L. Shepherd, Mrs. G. L. Townsend, Jr., Mrs. E. B. Watkins, Mrs. H. S. Brady, Mrs. Julian Cochran, Mrs. J. C. Parker, Mrs. J. F. McWhorter, Miss Beale Anderson, Josephine Biggs, Ethel Brady, Helen Brady, Lydia Cochran, Josephine Cochran, Blanche Elison, Lydia Elison, Eliza Green, May Holten, Mary Hutchins, Emma Kelley, Mary Nowland, Doris Price, Edith Shallercock, Mollie Wilson and Laura Willis.

### FOREST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

For the past year the "button system" has been in use in Forest Presbyterian Sunday School. In following this system each pupil of the school is given a celluloid button of membership. After perfect attendance for three months they are given a bronze button. At the end of six months they are given a gold button, at the end of nine months a silver button, and at the end of a year of perfect attendance, a beautiful gold pin is given the pupil. On Sunday last, nine of these pretty pins were given to the teachers and pupils who have been perfect in attendance for a year, and several more will receive them during this month. Those who received them were Mrs. Adella Green, Mrs. C. A. Hofferker, Miss Eugenia Beasly, Miss Mary Rothwell, Miss Elma Deakney, Miss Margaret Reed, John Hofferker, Frank Tyson and Bruce Whitlock. The pins were presented by the pastor, who congratulated each on the good work they had done during the year.

The regular evening service was given over to the Christian Endeavor Society who observed the twenty-ninth anniversary of its birth, which was in Maine. The meeting was in charge of Miss Annie B. Elison of Summit Bridge, who is state president of junior and intermediate work. Different members of the Society read articles and letters telling of the work and growth of the Endeavor. A letter was read from the Good Will Mission School in Dakota, thanking the Society for the box recently sent from here. Mr. Samuel Price sang a solo and the congregation sang several hymns.

### ODESSA

Mr. John Bignear, Jr., is a Philadelphia visitor this week.

Miss Lillian Massey is spending some time in Wilmington.

Mr. George Harrison is spending some time in Philadelphia.

Misses Frances Watkins and Alice Brown are spending a few days in Wilmington.

Mr. Elwood W. Webb, of Philadelphia, is the guest of his sister, Mrs. George Roemer.

Miss Marian H. Miffin spent Saturday and Sunday with friends in Wilmington.

Messrs. John Morris and Isaac Lightcap of Lebanon, spent Sunday last with relatives here.

Miss Florence Berry, who has been spending sometime in Philadelphia, has returned home.

Mr. W. P. Wilson and wife, of near Middletown, spent Wednesday last with her mother, Mrs. Annie B. Berry.

Mrs. Roy G. Cleaver and son Chance, of Wilmington, are guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles P. Spicer.

Mr. Warren Ridgeway and mother, of Wilmington, visited Mr. and Mrs. William Greninger several days last week.

The Missionary Anniversary of the St. Pauls M. E. Sunday School will be held the last Sunday evening in this month.

Mr. Howard VanDyke, of Townsend, was a visitor at the home of his brother, Mr. Ralph VanDyke, near town, last week.

The Appoquinimink Tribe, No. 24, Improved Order Red Men, will celebrate their 23d Anniversary, February 15th. All members are cordially invited.

Misses Emma and Hattie Manlove, and brother Edward, of Warwick, Md., were the guests of their sister, Mrs. Ralph VanDyke, near town, a few days last week.

The remains of Mrs. Jonathan George was brought here on Saturday last from New Castle, for interment in St. Pauls M. E. Cemetery. The deceased was an elderly lady formerly a resident of this town.

SALES TO TAKE PLACE  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15th, 1910.—Public sale of stock, farming implements, etc., by Scott and Maloney, on the "Ellis Farm," near Townsend. W. H. Reynolds, auctioneer.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16th, 1910.—Public sale of stock, farming implements, etc., by C. M. Cochran, on the "Cochran Grange Farm," one mile west of Middletown.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24th, 1910.—Public sale of stock and farming implements by Thomas Lattimore, on the farm known as the Collier farm, 4 miles south of Townsend, Del., on the road leading from Decker's Corner to Price's Corner. D. F. Heston, auctioneer.

THURSDAY, March 10th, 1910.—Public sale of stock, farming implements, etc., by William Henderson, on the road leading from Dog Town to Paterson's School House. D. F. Heston, auctioneer.

CATHOLICS IN AMERICA  
There are 22,567,079 Catholics under the United States flag, according to advance sheets of the Catholic Directory published in Milwaukee. The count includes the Catholics of the United States proper, Alaska, the Philippines, Porto Rico and the Hawaiian Islands. The Catholic population under the British flag, according to the same directory, is 12,053,418.

In the United States proper there are 14,347,027 Catholics, showing a gain of 111,576 over a year ago. The directory shows 4,845 parochial schools in the United States, with an attendance of 1,237,251.

### FARMERS FOR PRODUCE EXCHANGE

Growers From All Over The State Join In The Movement  
Delaware farmers and producers from all parts of the State assembled at Dover Thursday, February 11, and in one of the most enthusiastic meetings of agricultural people ever held there, organized the Delaware Produce Exchange. James T. Shallercock, of New Castle county, president, and Professor Wesley Webb of Dover, was elected temporary secretary. As President Shallercock put it "Hitherto we have had to beg the transportation companies, with our little offerings of less than a carload of this or that product. Now, with our aggregate products of many carloads, running up to the hundreds, we will compel them to beg us." J. T. Shallercock, Merritt N. Willis and Julian Cochran of New Castle county; Gilbert J. Meredith, James P. Aron and John J. Rose, of Kent County; S. Thomas Smith, Charles Freidel and E. B. Brown, of Sussex county, were appointed an organization committee to form a big stock company, and the mass meeting adjourned to meet at its call. "Don't let's go through the motion of organizing unless we propose to stand fast together," was the cry that came from several points of the crowded hall all at once.

Ex-County Treasurer Pennell Emerson, in a speech displaying some vehemence, declared it was no use for farmers to organize in Delaware unless they proposed to stand fast together, and unless "men of character" were chosen as officers and directors." Mr. Emerson then publicly assailed the Grange of Delaware, admitting that he is a member of it, and that its objects to educate, unite and legislate for the farmer were good. He declared that a similar pool for combine effected at Wyoming in which there were a number of grange officers, had resulted disastrously because the grange of a gold piece or two in the hands of his associates had tempted them to "break the pool." The organization committee was continued after it had adopted the constitution and law of the Eastern Shore Produce Exchange to suit the new Delaware Produce Exchange. The first stockholders' meeting will probably be called soon and a charter submitted.

Those who registered as stockholders were: C. F. Warrington, Charles F. Mai, Greenwood; Dr. H. N. Marvin, F. Aron, J. Phillips, Jesse Helling, James P. Aron, John Leer, C. W. Sheffer, C. H. Marvin, J. R. Neville, D. R. Merritt, Marvel Brothers, G. P. Thompson, W. V. Cosden, Rev. Alfred Smith, Walker L. Miffin, W. Biter, J. Frank Moore, James H. Hunter, Frank E. Maloney, H. C. Richardson, A. Owen, Jonas R. Lenker, J. P. Kirsh, J. T. Shallercock, James T. Shallercock, J. T. Shallercock, Jr., Josiah Cochran, M. N. Willis, Dr. H. B. McDowell, Middle town; Benjamin A. Groves, Marshallton; Pennell Emerson, Frank George, W. H. Hudson, John W. Davis, Perry M. Williams, Wyoming; John S. Davis, Riley Melvin, Alexander Good, Gilbert J. Meredith, Felton; T. N. Rawlins, Seaford; John S. Dobson, Milledore; E. A. Evans, Cheswold; Joseph I. Phillips, R. J. Mills, Delmar; Henry Thompson, Wilmington; H. M. Short, Stockley.

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# RINKA RINKIS

EMMA KENTON PARRISH

It was a still February afternoon in a quiet suburb. A tall, gentle-faced youth stood in a doorway, beaming benignantly at a singularly winning little girl.

Did you saw Peter? she asked. No, my dear, I don't remember ever to have seen the gentleman. His deep, pleasant voice carried a suggestion of repressed laughter. May I inquire wherefore your solicitude? To English it, why is Peter wanted?

Oh, he's lost! In this bustling metropolis! Alarming! Come in, microscopic one, and talk it over.

I love to ring doorbells, she said, shyly, her big gray eyes sparkling.

Indeed? You may ring mine whenever you choose, my dear. Ring it now.

She did so, then gave a satisfied sigh and followed him into the house.

Take this rocking-chair, lady—I don't recall your name—between the fire and the window.

My name's Rinka Rinkis. He seated himself, smiling by a book in his hand. Is Rinkarinkis your patronymic or your praenomen, minikin one?

She stared hard, then winked both eyes rapidly. He laughed silently.

I mean, what does your mamma call you?

She don't had to called me; I don't never got lost.

Ah, a responsible little maid. But as to Peter; how long has your esteemed brother—I assume he is your brother—been—lost?

It seemed to pain him that he could not supply a larger word. Much as twenty minutes.

Ah! Empires have vanished in twenty minutes (I will not at this moment specify them); but touching the absentee, why do you suppose he disappeared?

She seemed to read his meaning intuitively. He had a penny. Ah, a clue! Foul play, I fear.

But we shall undoubtedly desecrate his trail. Now, as to his tastes and habits; what kind of candy does—Peter happen to like best?

All-day suckers; but you can't buy one wiv a penny.

Not? Ornel commercial age! What is Peter's next ch—

Oh, dere's Peter! dere's he! Coo-coo, Peter! He didn't heard me. She complacently resumed rocking.

I told you we had a clue. Was it dat book?

This book? Oh, no; this seems to be Rittenhanser's advanced Psychology, volume two.

She rocked in silence. He took note of her observant eyes, her stiff, light-brown hair, which rose and fell, and the soles of her little shoes, which advanced and retreated. Presently she said, My mamma says you cook your—self, and you eat yourself!

Now that is startling information; an auto-cannibal, it seems. Fair guest, you have reminded me by an instantaneous thought-process, the scientific term for which has escaped my memory, that I am hungry. Can I persuade you to remain while I proceed to cook myself? Let me put your pretty cap on this table, and the jacket, too. There, be happy while I work.

Didn't you had no mamma? she asked incredulously.

Oh, yes. Where is she? suspiciously. In Wisconsin, my dear.

What she doin' dere? severely. Taking care of my papa.

Is your papa sick? solicitously. Oh, no; my papa's a doctor; it wouldn't do for him to get sick.

Cause den everybody'd die! cheerfully. Nearly everybody; all but the other doctors or so.

No! she cried, delightedly, expanding her skirts and pushing back her flying hair, he musn't get sick, 'cause he has to make all de sick peoples well. Is dere lots o' sick peoples dere?

Oh, a comfortable few; enough to keep my papa busy.

An 'if your papa didn't took care o' dem dey'd all be dead?

Unquestionably; Wisconsin would become an unpeopled wilderness instantaneously.

An 'if your mamma didn't took care your papa he might died, too wouldn't he?

There is that painful possibility.

She heaved a satisfied sigh and smoothed down her skirts so as nearly to cover her knees. I'm glad your papa's a doctor, she said.

For why? Oh, so am I, so am I, sweet guest; never so glad as at this moment. And now, would it

embarrass you if I should make another attempt to cook myself?

Perhaps you have heard of the fierce onslaughts of cruel famine upon the vitals of the busy brain-worker?

She nodded her head and rubbed her shoes together ecstatically. He clattered around and prepared to wash some dishes.

I fought you was goin' cook! So I am. But I must first find something to cook in; I must wash my dishes first, fair girl!

My mamma washes de dishes after we eat.

Indeed? I reverse the process. Ain't you goin' wash your hands first?

It had not occurred to me to do so. If I remember rightly, I washed my hands with the lark, or more specifically, just previous to the advent of the eight-seventeen train.

My mamma makes me washed my hands before I touched de dishes.

Ah, a worthy practice I might emulate it, but that I don't recall where I left the basin. My departure was, to say the least, abrupt; and the subsequent intense intellectual strain has quite obliterated all details of the occurrence.

During this edifying monologue he had been diligently scrubbing at a frying-pan with what looked like an old rubber shoe, but which presently expended waxily and sluggishly into the semblance of a cloth. The little girl's eye opened wider, whether with admiration or horror he could not determine.

I see de basin! she shouted. Now I can washed my han's an' helped you. This is de tow-yul, I s'pose.

It has borne that honorable title in days past. I cherish its noble record.

My mamma doesn't washed de spider first, she said, confronting him. Her chin was confronting the table.

Another instance of the revision of terms. Sweet damsel, I need the spider to cook my supper in, hence it takes precedence of the other—dishes. Again he seemed pained; when he paused for a word he generally picked up a bowlful. Are you versed in the culinary art?

She made a soft fist and knocked the flying hair away from her eyes.

I don't know no verses, but I'm ready dry de dishes.

Bright star of my destiny, and supper-hoed, do you happen to see the dish towel anywhere?

Nope; I didn't saw it.

Nyther do I. Let me reflect; day before yesterday I dined out—yesterday also. The dish towel has two days the advantage of me. Perhaps I laid it in the sink. Look fair one, in the sink; it may be lurking there!

Tain't in de sink. Nor on the floor? with touching meekness.

Nope, Oh, here's it! Here's somepin' been a tow-yul, on de coal-scuttle.

The very weapon! There! now we may each have half. How did I ever hitherto exist without you, my newly risen star, and lynx-eyed treasure? If I were old, I believe your bright eyes could find my lost youth for me.

You wasn' old, was you?

Not aged; only well along 'in years, an' you?

I'm five las' Yuly; an' pretty soon I'll be thix.

And in a day or so further you'll be thix. Yet the years drag. If you were seventeen, now, I would marry you; but five, alack! too young, too young!

Oh, I'll wait for you! she said, reassuringly.

He laughed and laughed. My first accepted offer? Pardon my tears, 'dearest, famine seems to have rendered me maudlin.

What's in dis paper? Shoshage? Cause I can try shoshage.

Nay, it is but beefsteak, my own. Do your culinary attainments include the preparation of that comestible?

She winked both eyes a moment. Shall I make de spider hot.

If it is your good will; sweet subtlety.

My name's Rinka. Rinkas; and my name is Wade. Shall I cutted de bread for you, Wade?

An it please you, gentle Rinka? She presently brought on a plate overrunning with little wedge-shaped bits. By request, Wade refrained from putting the spider on the tablecloth; but all Rinka's vigilance did not prevent the coffee-pot from making deep

black rings on the already gray surface of the linen.

The banquet resembles a relief-map of chaos, he said, surveying it genially; but I like the viands easily accessible, that I may replenish the trencher and refill the beaker with dispatch. Try another fragment of this ambrosial steak, Rinka mine. Not? Have a flying-wedge, a cuneiform slice, drilled by your own fair hand.

No? Dearest, you eat like a bird! But you, fair one, have not yet experienced the displensing influences of brain fog. This continuous destruction of gray-matter in the cranium of the philosopher! Hello! someone else likes to ring bells, it seems. Sweetheart, continue to pretend to eat, while I see who it is breaks thus rudely upon our idyllic repast.

At the door stood a smiling Swedish woman. Is my Rinka here?

She is, I believe. I afraid she bodder you.

Have no fear, Madam; far from it. Wall, you send her home so quick she bodder you.

Assuredly. He bowed pleasantly and closed the door softly. Returning, he found the rooms empty and the back door ajar. Rinka Rinkis has fled, he murmured, but her memory remains; likewise the supper.

Afterward he took up a book, but found himself laughing gently every sentence or so. He threw it down and wrote a letter to his darling mother.

The next day Rinka was again at his door. I see that bell-ringing has not yet palled upon your taste, little Rinka. He stood, polishing his glasses, while she tasted the joys of the electric button. Then she strode grandly in, and climbing into the rocker, began her favorite exercise. He sat near, book in hand.

Are you in your usual health and spirits after the revelries of yesterday?

She stopped rocking, knocked away the lock of hair from her eyes, and said, Is dat S'iddish? No, Rinka mia; I haven't taken up Swedish, yet. I asked you if you were well.

Course; my mamma took care o'me. W'y don't you got sick, wivout your mamma's?

Why—er—happily, I have a sanguine temperament, which, combined with the inherent resiliency of adolescence, prevents my falling an easy victim to caecothic conditions. He laughed softly at her vigorous winking.

Where do you keep 'em? Oh, stored in my capacious physique. But let us not treat such abstruse topics this afternoon; let us rather meet on a more comfortable basis. Do you go to school, little Rinka?

Nope; I didn't went till I'd be thix years old.

To be sure; I forgot. So, of course, you are not versed in literature and mathematics.

She rocked tranquilly; by-and-bye she announced, I can count in S'iddish.

Indeed! Can you talk in Swedish, too?

Nope; we're all English to our house; Peter said so.

Good, good; most desirable citizens. But I should love to hear you count in Swedish.

She promptly and sweetly recited, En, två, tre, fyra, fem, sex, sju.

Wade had heard it before, but never with that delicious accent nor that adorable lisp. He shook with silent laughter, wiped his glasses, and then went off into another paroxysm.

Rinka rocked sturdily until he had composed himself, then said austere; You laughin' at me?

No, dearest; look me in the eye. If you ever looked in the eye of a serious man, now is the hour, and the man, and the eye. But I am neglecting matters of vital moment; the dish-water, perchance, is congealing while I dally. Just count up to seven for me again, sweetest, and I fly to my task.

You shan't laugh! I shall not laugh.

She counted, ending tranquilly with the little swirling thimble.

Thanks, thanks! Can Peter count as delightfully as you. But I forgot; Peter is English.

I got to helped you set de table now; it's better I be working.

She pulled some packages from her jacket pockets and presently had two small plates heaped with tiny biscuits, the result of much childish labor and ingenuity.

Ab! a fairy gift. Were these Lilliputian morsels shaped with your doll's thimble.

Dolls don't have fimbles. Didn't you had no nakkum.

Oh, I believe mamma did leave me a score or so. Might I have another of the quaint and delectable biscuits.

When they had finished she made an elaborate bow. Thank

you very much, Wade, for very nice supper.

And thank you very much, Rinka, for a most delectable visit. She rocked a moment in silence. Where was you yesterday, she asked.

Oh, at church, and at Madame de Staal's, perhaps.

Who's Madame Staal.

The belle of the village; Miss Percy Hathaway. I call her Madame de Staal because we talk so delightfully together in her salon.

Rinka's eyes smiled a little. Does Madame Staal like you.

Ah, that's the question. Does she, or does she not.

Do you liked her.

Immensely.

[TO BE CONTINUED]

USEFUL THINGS TO KNOW

To break up a cold, fill the bathtub half-full of warm water. Get in and turn on more hot water until the limit of endurance is reached. Then go immediately to bed, lying between blankets and piling on much cover. If a glass of hot lemonade is taken it will help the opening of the pores and the necessary perspiration.

If a can of paint has to be left open, stir it thoroughly, so as to disperse all of the oil, then fill up with water. When it becomes necessary to use the paint pour off the water and you will find it as fresh as when first opened.

A sprig of parsley eaten after onions or leeks prevents the offensive breath which is so annoying to other people.

To clean glass globes soak them in warm water and soda, add a few drops of ammonia to the water and wash them with a well-soaked flannel. Rinse in clean, cold water, dry with a soft piece of linen, and polish with a newspaper.

Proper care of the hands will prevent some suffering during the cold weather. Some sensitive skins will not stand soap as a cleanser. A useful paste is made from two potatoes boiled and mashed to paste with sufficient rosewater. This should be rubbed on the hands which should then be rinsed in warm water. A splendid soap for delicate skins is made from pure olive oil. Horse chestnuts, dried, crushed, and finely powdered, will replace soap for the hands, with both softening and whitening effect. A soothing remedy is to bathe hands at night in clear pulp made of linseed meal and bitter almond oil.

An excellent way of cleaning a greasy sink is to put a little paraffin on a rag, and rub the sink with it, and the grease will immediately disappear.

Butter will remove stains of tea, coffee or fruit. It should be rubbed on the linen or cotton and then the material should be soaked in hot water and a mild soap.

If when ironing anything white you find a solid spot, dampen a piece of white cloth and put a little cream of tartar on, then rub the solid spot. You will be surprised to see it disappear.

Cheese-cloth pillow cases are good things to keep on hand in the linen closet. They may be made of the cheapest cheese-cloth, so that after use in a contagious disease they may be burned.

When shaking or cleaning rugs never grasp them at the end, but always at the side. In this way the fringe is protected and ends do not unravel. The original shape of the rug is also preserved.

For finger marks on white painted doors there is nothing finer than just whitening and water, rubbed on with a soft cotton rag, avoiding the use of soap, for the whitening will remove the dirt and not injure the texture of the paint. Do not make the mixture too thin. Wet the rag and dip into the whitening is the best way.

To polish silver, rub hard with a flannel dampened in kerosene. Then rinse off with boiling water.

A little alcohol will wash window panes quickly and satisfactorily, leaving them bright and clear.

A good cement for household use is made by adding a teaspoonful of glycerine to a gill of glue.

A bit of candle wax will be found more efficacious than soap rubbed on the bureau drawer if it sticks in opening.

A good black ink mixed with the white of egg is said to be excellent for restoring color to black ink, whether shoes or gloves.

Use old papers to wipe out the greasy dishes, also the greasy cooking utensils, then burn the papers. Try this once and you will never have any more greasy dishes.

It is a good plan in pasting labels on a glass jar, used for holding dry groceries, to put the slip on the inside of the jar. Then there is no danger of it being rubbed off when the jar has to be wiped.

An upholstered chair can be cleaned of a great amount of dust if an old towel is dampened and placed over the upholstered part and then beaten with a rattan carpet beater. As the towel collects the dust it should be rinsed clean and the process repeated.

There are many splendid utensils for kitchen use, but nothing takes the place of the old-fashioned iron pot for boiling meats, especially small hams or large roasts. But the best iron pots wear thin on the bottom and this is frequently the cause of the food's becoming scorched. It is advisable to remedy this defect by placing a small tin lid in the bottom of the pot, then there is no danger whatever of the food's burning, since it does not come in contact with the hot iron.

When you are making an omelet that requires bread crumbs for thickening, and you have none handy, try using a slightly larger amount of any of the flaked breakfast foods.

To relieve the pain of a badly pinched or bruised finger, plunge it into very hot water.

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Sheriff's Sales

SHERIFF'S SALE—BY VIRTUE OF LEVANT FACIES to be directed, will be exposed to Public Sale at the hotel in the Town of Townsend, Appoquinimink Hundred, New Castle County, Delaware, ON THURSDAY, the 17th day of FEBRUARY, 1910, At 10 o'clock, A. M.

The following described Real Estate viz: All that certain lot or parcel of land situated in the town of Townsend, New Castle County and State of Delaware, bounded and described as follows to-wit: Beginning at a stone on the West side of the newly made road or street leading from Townsend to Barlowe Bridge; thence South twenty-eight and three quarter degrees west fifty-one feet to a stone at corner for this lot and land of the heirs of Margaret J. Lewis, deceased; thence south fifty-eight degrees and forty minutes west one hundred and eighty-six and one-half feet to a stone at corner for this lot and land of the heirs of Margaret J. Lewis, deceased, on the rear; thence North nineteen degrees west fifty-one feet to a stone at corner for this lot and land of Mrs. Francis Nay or on the rear; thence north fifty-eight degrees forty minutes east one hundred and seventy-seven feet to a stone and place of beginning, containing with these meters and bounds nine thousand, one hundred and eighty square feet of land be the same more or less. This being lot No. 43 on Townsend plot of town lots.

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and at my residence, Crawford street, Middletown, Del., every Saturday, afternoon from 1 P. M., to 4 P. M.

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Section 3.—That on all taxes paid before the first day of October there shall be an abatement of five per centum. On all taxes paid before the first day of December there shall be an abatement of three per centum. On all taxes paid during the month of December there shall be no abatement whatever. And on all taxes unpaid on the first day of January five per centum thereof shall be added thereto.

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